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Proposed Bill No. 5233

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASED ACCESS TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR THE MEDICALLY NEEDY, ELDERLY AND DISABLED.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That section 17b-261 of the general statutes be amended to require
- 2 the Commissioner of Social Services to amend the Medicaid state plan
- 3 to permit the commissioner, when making Medicaid income eligibility
- 4 determinations, to establish and maintain the eligibility for persons
- 5 who are aged, blind or disabled by establishing a special income
- 6 disregard applicable only to such persons so that: (1) Effective July 1,
- 7 2009, such persons shall be eligible for Medicaid at an income level of
- 8 one hundred twenty-five per cent of the federal poverty level; and (2)
- 9 effective July 1, 2010, such persons shall be eligible at the same income
- 10 level used to determine eligibility for adults under the HUSKY Plan,
- 11 Part A.

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Social Services to exercise existing federal options that permit the use of a less restrictive methodology in

determining the income limit when making Medicaid eligibility determinations for persons who are aged, blind or disabled so that the Medicaid eligibility for such persons shall be increased in two stages to equal the income eligibility for adults under the HUSKY Plan, Part A.